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AND USE THEREOF

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 31-34.

Please amend claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 16, 19, 24 and 26-28 as follows:

2. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein said liquid is an aqueous solution of xylitol having a xylitol concentration of about 30-80% by weight.

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